



Happening's In the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter

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\$16.4 Million Judgment Set Aside and Crawfordsville Company Ordered to pay for Enhanced Environmental Clean-Up Costs in Shelly Ditch

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter and Indiana Department of Environmental Management Thomas W. Easterly Applaud Court of Appeals Ruling Reversing the Trial Court Order Against the State

(INDIANAPOLIS, IN) – The Indiana Court of Appeals has overturned a trial court ruling that would have denied the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) the ability to exercise its authority to enforce strict standards of environmental clean-up at contaminated sites and would have cost taxpayers \$16.4 million.

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"A company's desire to rectify environmental damage with minimal cleanup standards harms the very people we serve to protect," Attorney General Steve Carter said. "This case is critical to ensuring that taxpayers don't have to choose between paying for stricter standards of cleanup or exposure to environmental harms."

Attorneys with Ties to Montgomery County Sworn-In as Deputy Attorneys General at Wabash College

Indiana University School of Law graduates Ian McLean and Jordan "Jay" Church became Deputy Attorneys General for the State of Indiana today at a swearing-in ceremony officiated by Attorney General Steve Carter.



"We're honored to welcome these experienced attorneys as valued additions to the office," Carter said. "Both bring a broad array of capabilities in many areas of the legal practice and we are thrilled to have them on board."

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Holiday Shoppers should be aware of Potential Fraud and Scams Warns Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter is encouraging holiday shoppers to check product recall lists and to educate themselves on how to avoid scams and fraud this shopping season.

“The holiday shopping season can be fast-paced and full of activities, but this is when it is most important to keep our guard up against potential scammers,” Carter said. “Online shopping continues to be very popular as are gift cards. While the convenience and wide variety of merchandise that the Internet offers is appealing, it is crucial that shoppers can spot red flags that can tip them off to a potential scam.”



While shopping online can be just as safe as shopping in a traditional store or by mail, about one-third of the complaints received by the attorney general's office involve problems with Internet purchases. [Press Release](#)

IndianaConsumer.com

Carter Files Suit against Three Illinois-Based Companies for making Illegal Telemarketing Calls to Hoosiers

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter has filed a lawsuit against three Illinois-based companies for making illegal pre-recorded sales calls to Indiana citizens whose phone numbers are registered on the state's Do Not Call list. The named companies in the lawsuit, Sonnenschein Financial Services, Sonnenschein Marketing Services and Target Marketing of Illinois, Inc., are alleged to have used an automated dialing machine to call nearly 80 phone numbers. [Press Release](#)

Carter Files Lawsuit against Timeshare and Vacation Club Companies for Misrepresentations

Harbor Management & Vacation Resorts likely misled hundreds of people from Northwest Indiana Companies have ties to telemarketer sued last week by the attorney general for illegal calls

The Indiana Attorney General's Office is seeking penalties and restitution from three companies that operated a timeshare and travel club sales center out of Crown Point, Indiana before closing last summer. Harbor Management Corporation, Harbor Management of Colorado, LLC, and Vacation Resort Management, Inc. are alleged to have misrepresented terms of consumer contracts, failed to provide products and services, and refused to honor refunds and prize giveaways. [Press Release](#)

Holiday Shopping Tips

Research vendors and personal sellers before making any online purchases.

Know what you're getting. Read the seller's description of the product closely, especially the fine print. Words like "refurbished," "vintage," or "close-out" may indicate that the product is in less-than-mint condition.

Calculate the costs. Check out Web sites that offer price comparisons and then compare "apples to apples."

Carefully choose payment methods. Be certain the Web site is secure and be suspicious if the seller states you can only pay by a money transfer service, such as Western Union, and do not send cash.

Maintain a paper trail. Print and save records of your online transactions. Read your credit card statements as you receive them to be on the lookout for unauthorized charges.

Check a company's privacy policy before doing business with it.